

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Minutes [Draft]

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ATTENDEES

Members

Ginny Barnes
Mark Buscaino, by phone
Andrew Der
Ken Ferebee
Don Galloway
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Caren Madsen
Norman Mease
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Mark Pfefferle (M-NCPPC), ex officio
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
David Post
Jeff Schwartz

Linda Silversmith

Kevin Smith

Bryan Straathof

Absent members

Paul Allen (WSSC), ex officio
Pamela Browning
Rick Brush, (DPS) ex officio
Bill Pastor
Clark Wagner

Others attending

Stan Edwards, DEP Staff
Vince Berg
Arlene Bruhn

MINUTES

- Call to order at approximately 7 pm.

Motion to approve Nov minutes- **passed**.

Vice chair request tabled- Co. Executive Leggett has prerogative.

- Discussion about whether or not to allow committee members to use teleconferencing in lieu of being present at meetings and how that might affect attendance.
- Caren set meeting agenda
 - Discuss DEP proposal for new FCL
 - Annual committee report
 - Work plan for FCAC- should it be a living document?
 - Any additional concerns for County Executive Leggett when Caren meets with him?
- Look at work plan for FCAC
 - Pass out copies of Draft Recommendations for 2010 Work plan.
 - Pass out copies of suggestions for improving FCAC website.
 - Discussion of Caren's visit with County Executive Leggett- members to go? (2-3)

- Discussion of handouts
 - Role of committee & website issues. Should there be a subcommittee for website?
 - Motion to move forward with website- **passed**.
 - Discussion of Chesapeake Bay Local Government Advisory Committee and FCAC's representation on it.
 - 2010 draft open for comments by FCAC members via email.
 - Motion to approve 2010 draft- **tabled**.
 - Discussion of a subcommittee for proposed FCL.
- DEP proposed FCL
 - Background from Laura of tree canopy data from 2000 survey
 - Stormwater management and how it relates to FCL
 - Were streams and wetlands missed in inventory?
 - Mitigation funds-
 - trees vs. forest disturbance
 - dedicated mitigation funds for street trees, etc.
 - no current guarantee of funds going to forest conservation
 - Development density and how it affects future tree planting
 - Need to ensure proper planting and care-incentives for developers to follow up on planting / care
 - Other issue related to mitigation funds
 - Should FCAC express importance of urban tree canopy to County Executive Leggett?
 - Request that funds go to specific ends- statutory language
 - Would FCL proposal include afforestation requirement? (yes)
 - 'Backyard' vs 'Front yard' planting
 - Larger developers and forest easements: incentives to replant 'actual' forests.
- Use email to bounce ideas off other committee members re: new FCL
- Deadline / timeline for input on DEP proposal
- Go further to compare proposal with current FCL.
- Next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, at 7:00 pm in the DEP conference room.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.